

REMARKS

The Notice mailed September 25, 2003 has been received. Applicants have herewith presented the previous specification amendments in paragraph form. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience caused by the previous non-compliant amendment.

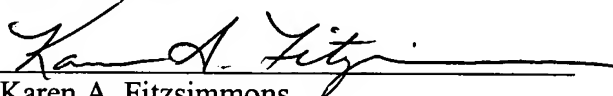
Claims 1-12 are currently pending. In light of the remarks submitted in the Response dated August 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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Respectfully submitted,

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